Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for distributing programming content comprising:

transmitting programs to two different receivers;

determining ~~the~~ a time difference between a first program ~~being~~ transmitted to a first receiver and a second program transmitted to a second receiver; and

if the time difference is below a predetermined threshold, reducing the time difference between said programs via increasing the rate of content transmission of the first program and decreasing the rate of content transmission of the second program until the time difference between said programs is substantially zero.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting programs to two different receivers involves distributing programs over a wireless network.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1 including transmitting programs to two different receivers in response to two different requests for programs.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4 including transmitting programs in an on demand basis.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 including determining whether the time difference between the first program and the second program is above the predetermined threshold.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein reducing the time difference between said programs includes time compressing one of said programs more than the other and transmitting said programs.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein reducing the time difference between said programs includes reducing the rate of data transfer of one of said programs.

Claim 10 (cancel)

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 including reducing the time difference between said programs until the time difference is substantially zero and then transmitting the first and second programs over the same channel to the two different receivers.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of claim 11 including initially transmitting the first and second programs on different channels, reducing the time difference between said programs on the different channels until the time difference is substantially zero, transmitting both programs on a first channel to the two different receivers and freeing a second channel for transmission of another program.

Claim 13 (currently amended): An article comprising a machine-readable medium for storing instructions that, if executed, enable a processor-based system to:

transmit programs to two different receivers;

determine the time difference between a first program being transmitted to a first receiver and a second program being transmitted to a second receiver; and

if the time difference is below a predetermined threshold, reduce the time difference between the programs until the time difference is substantially zero and then transmit the first and second programs over the same channel to two different receivers.

Claim 14 (original): The article of claim 13 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to distribute programs over a wireless network.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (original): The article of claim 13 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to transmit programs to two different receivers in response to two different requests for programs.

Claim 17 (original): The article of claim 16 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to transmit programs on an on-demand basis.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The article of claim 13 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to determine whether the time difference between [[a]] the first program and [[a]] the second program is above the predetermined threshold.

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (original): The article of claim 13 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to time compress one of said programs more than the other and transmit said programs.

Claim 21 (original): The article of claim 13 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to reduce the rate of data transfer of one of said programs to reduce the time difference between said programs.

Claim 22 (original): The article of claim 13 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to increase the rate of content transmission of the first program and decrease the rate of content transmission of the second program until the time difference between said programs is substantially zero.

Claim 23 (cancel)

Claim 24 (currently amended): The article of claim [[23]] 13 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to initially transmit the first and second programs on the different channels, reduce the time difference between the programs on different channels until the time difference is substantially zero, transmit both programs on a first channel to the two different receivers and free a second channel for transmission of another program.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A system for distributing content comprising:

a server;

a transmission device coupled to said server;

a database of electronic files;

a storage storing instructions that enable the server to transmit files to two different receivers over said transmission device, determine the time difference between a first file being transmitted to a first receiver and a second file being transmitted to a second receiver and if the

time difference is below a threshold, reduce the time difference between the files via a reduction in the rate of content transfer of one of said first and second files.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The system of claim 25 wherein said transmission device is coupled to transmit files over a wireless network.

Claim 27 (original): The system of claim 25 wherein said transmission device is a cable network transmission device.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The system of claim 25 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the server to determine whether the time difference between the first and the second file is above the threshold.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The system of claim 25 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the server to determine

whether the time difference between the first file and the second file is sufficient to attempt to reduce the time difference between the files.

Claim 30 (cancel)

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the time difference in a server associated with transmitting the programs.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The method of claim 6, further comprising not reducing the time difference if the time difference is above the predetermined threshold.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The article of claim 18, further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to not reduce the time difference if the time difference is above the predetermined threshold.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The system of claim 28, wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the server to not reduce the time difference if the time difference is above the threshold.